

Ayer's

You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks

Cherry Pectoral

up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand.

"The best cough medicine money can buy is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For the coughs of children nothing could possibly be better."

JACOB SHULL, Saratoga, Ind.

25c., 50c., \$1.00.
All druggists.

J. C. AYER CO.,
Lowell, Mass.

for Throat, Lungs

Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

The Free Seed Humbug.

The annual distribution of free seeds from the Department of Agriculture through the Senators and members of the House of Representatives has begun. We have seen some of the packages sent to persons in this state. They contain a packets of the most common varieties, such as beet, Georgia collard, lettuce, yellow Danvers onion, and Florida favorite watermelon. The packets are no larger than the usual 5 cent packet, for sale at any seed store and the varieties are the most common on the list. Probably not one packet in a hundred is ever planted. Yet Congressmen go on trying to bribe the voters of the country with a quarter's worth of ordinary garden seeds. It would be just as reasonable for them to give the voters each a new hat or a new pair of shoes. Of course it would cost more, and the shoe dealers and hat-makers would object, but what of that? The seedsmen also object but no one pays any attention to them.

The original idea in starting the seed distribution was a good one, that was to find and introduce new and valuable species that are not in cultivation in this country. A little of this is still being done and in this way some very useful plants have been brought into general cultivation.

The agricultural press has been fighting this outrageous fraud for many years, but so far with out little success. So long as the voters accept these seeds without protest, just so long will the Congressmen continue to send them out.

The Rural New Yorker prints an item on the subject which is very good:

As strong a business protest as we have read is that sent to President Roosevelt by 25 leading seedsmen against the free seed distribution. Congress has singled out the one business of seed selling for public interference. Seedsmen have \$20,000,000 invested in honorable business, yet the Government each year mails, free of postage, 40,000,000 packets of very ordinary seeds. Nowhere else on the face of the civilized earth does the Government go out of its way to interfere with a single line of legitimate commerce. It is said that this Government's distribution includes more small packets than are annually sold

by all the seedsmen in the country. This business is "class legislation" of the worst sort, and the seedsmen do well to go direct to the President, who is a record as calling for "a square deal." This is the way they talk to him:

We respectfully urge, Mr. President, that you may see fit to incorporate in your next annual message a paragraph disapproving of the free seed distribution, as has been pursued for some years past, and to recommend that the intent of the original Act be alone the future policy—that intent being the procuring from foreign parts seeds and roots of plants heretofore unimported, and such as are believed would flourish on our plains, in our valleys and on our mountains, and thus diversify the agricultural and horticultural production of the nation.

There seems to be little use in expecting Congress to stop this petty "graft." The President is on record as opposed to the principle of it, and relief must come from him.

Injustices of Point System as Worked at the Fair.

The editor of the Manatee Record criticizes the action of the judges at the Tampa Fair quite vigorously. We quote the article and you can decide for yourselves whether it is justifiable or not.

In the beginning let us state that this article is not a wail because Manatee county was not awarded the first, or even the second prize at the State Fair, although we will admit she would have stood, at least, a better show had the point system of judging the exhibits been carried out to its fullness and completeness.

But it wasn't, and thereby hangs our kick.

The point system of judging exhibits is unquestionably a fair one when properly carried out, but when improperly and only partially carried out, it works a hardship and does great injustice to a number of counties. However, do not understand us to condemn the system because it was improperly carried out at the State Fair.

Under the point system 10 points were allowed for the best exhibit of citrus fruits, vegetables, agriculture and horticulture. This was all right, as each display was classified under a general head, each embracing the several items properly coming under its heading; as citrus fruits embraced oranges, lemons, grapefruit, etc., and agriculture embraced cotton, corn, oats and all other cereals. This was fair and honest to all; no one could kick on this. But when the general heading of agriculture was invaded and 10 points each allowed for cotton and cereals, making a total of 30 points for agriculture as against 10 for horticulture or citrus fruits, a grave injustice was done the citrus fruit counties, "one of whom we are which." If the classified general headings were to be gone behind, why, in the name of reason and justice, were all not treated alike, and under the citrus fruit heading 10 points each given for oranges and grapefruit? This would have evened up citrus fruits equal with agriculture. But for some reason it was not done, and unless the matter is straightened up we fear the next state fair will be short on citrus fruit counties.

Again, no points were allowed for decorations or arrangements. The Tampa Times says this is as it should be, as the awards should be made on actual products. This sounds good and at first blush will be readily accepted, but will it bear investigation? We think not. The decorations and arrangements at the state fair were second only to the exhibits. Many counties spent hundreds of dollars in beautifying their exhibit space. Cut out all consideration of decorations and you'll have a fair of piled up products in a barren hall. Of course pride would make the several counties arrange their displays as tastily as

Florida Fruit Exchange

As the Florida Fruit Exchange will not open for business this year, we, the New York agents of the Exchange, solicit the direct consignments of all growers and shippers whether members or not. All oranges will be sold on arrival at auction as before, top market value guaranteed, and direct remittance the day after the sale. The same satisfaction will be given as of old (and if the next crop warrants the revival of the Exchange those who ship us this season need make no change); 35 years selling green fruit at auction here under the same firm name warrants our claim to the united support of the buyers. Commission 8 per cent. Stencils furnished on application to the following

Agents Florida Fruit Exchange:

DIX & WILKINS,
9 East Lombard Street, Baltimore, Md.

EDWARD ROBERTS,
220 & 222 Dock Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

SGOBEL & DAY,
235 West Street, New York.

H. HARRIS & CO.,
227 State Street Boston Mass.

Reference: Geo. R. Fairbanks, Fernandina, Fla., President Florida Fruit Exchange; A. M. Ives, Jacksonville, Fla., General Manager Florida Fruit Exchange.

\$300,000,000 IN POULTRY!

Do you know that the Government census of 1900 gives the value of the poultry produced in that year at very nearly \$300,000,000?

POULTRY SUCCESS—The 20th Century Poultry Magazine

is absolutely indispensable to every one interested in chickens, whether they be beginners, experienced poultry raisers or one keeping a few hens. It is without any question the foremost poultry monthly in this country and readers of its articles on pure bred chickens and their better care and keeping have come to realize that it is a plain truth that "there's money in a hen." POULTRY SUCCESS has regularly from 36 to 96 pages. Is beautifully illustrated; has best writers.

Regular Subscription Price, 50c

SPECIAL OFFER—If you keep chickens or are in any way interested in them, we will send you Poultry Success for one year for introduction, and send free also a large illustrated, practical poultry book; or 3 months' trial, only 10 cents, stamps accepted. Sample copy free. Address today.

POULTRY SUCCESS CO.

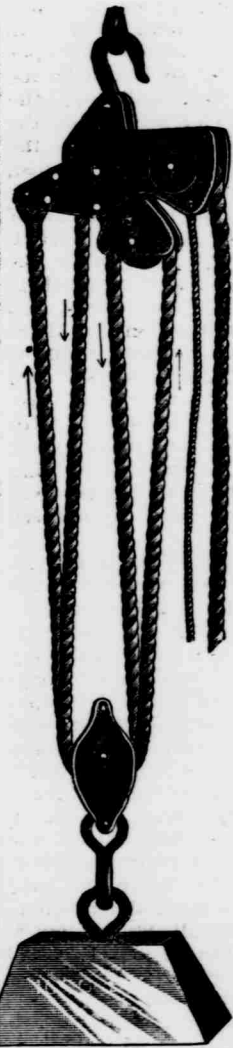
Dept. 141 Springfield, O.

Budded and Grafted

Mulgoba Mangoes.

Imported from India; absolutely free from fibre. Pot-grown, \$2.50 each. Largest assortment of Citrons in the United States. Also Citrus stock. Address JOHN W. BEACH, West Palm Beach, Fla.

The Burr Steel Safety Lifts FOR HOISTING



Showing No. 4, 5 and 6 Lifts Strung and ready for use.

Heavy Weight about Barns, Farm or Warehouse.

ONE MAN CAN DO THE WORK OF FOUR



USED AS A WIRE STRETCHER.

THE PRINCIPLE on which the Burr Lift is made is an altogether new departure from anything heretofore devised in this line, the locking being done by the positive action of a load on a lever, the most powerful and unfailing of the elementary mechanical principles. It excels in every particular any similar device on the market, and is the only rope block made that will do the same work as the differential chain block. Its advantages over the chain block are obvious and need no comment.

We have made arrangements with the management of the Burr Steel Safety Lifts so that we can furnish any one of the blocks at their list price and include a year's subscription to the Agriculturist.

PRICE LIST.

No. 3—For 3-8-in. rope. Weight 4 lbs. capacity 800 lbs. ... \$ 3.00	
No. 4—For 1-2-in. rope. Weight 6½ lbs. capacity 1500 lbs. ... 5.50	
No. 5—For 5-8-in. rope. Weight 11 lbs. capacity 2000 lbs. ... 7.00	
No. 6—For 3-4-in. rope. Weight 17 lbs. capacity 2500 lbs. ... 8.50	
No. 4½—For 1-2-in. rope. Weight 10 lbs. capacity 3000 lbs. ... 10.00	
No. 5½—For 5-8-in. rope. Weight 20 lbs. capacity 3500 lbs. ... 12.00	
No. 6½—For 3-4-in. rope. Weight 23 lbs. capacity 5000 lbs. ... 14.00	

The above prices and weights include lower block. No rope

E. O. Painter Publishing Co.

possible, but wipe out all consideration of decorations and what will be the incentive to decorate. Just as well take your exhibit up and dump it down in a pile, as under this idea it would get you just as much. This would be a pretty state of affairs, and

would successfully kill the state fair in one year.

Carry the point system out honestly, and fairly, and add at least 10 points for decorations, and the state fair will be a permanent institution, but continue the fair as this year and you will kill it too dead to bury.